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Tourism Industry Honors Istook

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ernest Istook (R-Okla.) will accept the “Legislation of the Year” Recognition from a coalition of travel associations on February 23, 2004.

“It is our hope,” stated the coalition, **“that we may be able to return an industry ‘thank you’ for all that Chairman Istook does for our important industries and all American travelers.”**

In recognition of the Congressman’s efforts the following travel organizations—the National Tour Association, the American Society of Travel Agents, the American Bus Association, the National Park Hospitality Association, the United States Air Tour Association, and the United States Tour Operator Association—combined to present him with the award.

The travel and tourism organizations strive to provide consumers with quality travel experiences. Thousands of tour companies and travel professionals furnish the travel associations with the resources necessary to aid satisfied customers.

As Chair of the Transportation and Treasury Appropriations Subcommittee, Congressman Istook authored a bill appropriating funds for the fiscal year 2004 which passed the House in December and is awaiting action from the Senate. It provides funding for all federal transportation systems in the U.S. including: highways, Amtrak, and transit.

Congressman Istook commended the associations in a preliminary thank you. **“It’s great to have this recognition, a good transportation network is not just for letting people go to work and move goods, but for all businesses including tourism.”**